

REMARKS

Claims 72 and 88 are amended. Claims 100-105 are added. Claims 64-105 are in the application for consideration.

The specification is amended to correct typographical errors. Entry of the same is requested.

Claim 95 is indicated by the Examiner to be withdrawn pursuant to the restriction requirement. It is respectfully asserted that claim 95 should not have been withdrawn for reasons analogous to why claim 83 was not withdrawn from consideration.

Independent claims 72 and 88 stand rejected as being anticipated over various references, one of which is U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/00038525 to Meng et al. Applicant disagrees at least with the rejections over Meng et al. Specifically, Meng et al. is interpreted to disclose either power on or power off with respect to its plasma generating power. Applicant's independent claims 72 and 88 require the application of a steady state first applied power of energy which inherently requires some power other than "zero" power. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of independent claims 72 and 88 over Meng et al. is in error.

Regardless, independent claims 72 and 88 stand rejected over other references. Independent claims 72 and 88 have been amended to recite that the increasing or raising of the power is at a ramped rate. Such is clearly supported from Applicant's application as-filed, for example at least in Figs. 5-10. Each of the applied references cited in rejecting Applicant's

independent claims discloses a stair-stepped, instantaneous toggled application of plasma power, and clearly not increasing at a ramped rate as Applicant now claims. Accordingly, Applicant's independent claims 72 and 88 recite something which is not found in the references under which such claims have been rejected, and such rejections must be withdrawn. Action to that end is requested.

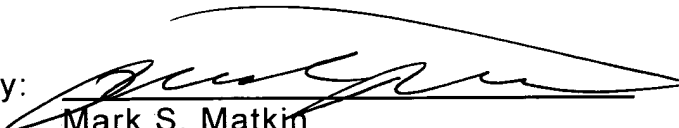
Support for Applicant's added dependent claims can be found in Applicant's Figs. 5-10 and in Applicant's specification as-filed at p.17, lns.10+. Applicant's dependent claims should be allowed as depending from allowable base claims, and for their own recited features which are neither shown nor suggested in the cited art. Action to that end is requested.

This application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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